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In re Application of:
Ralf ZINK et al.



Application No.: 09/559,355

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: April 27, 2000

Examiner:

For: ENHANCED GROWTH OF LACTIC
ACID BACTERIA IN MILK

Attorney Docket
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
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ATTENTION: BOX MISSING PARTS
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 18, 2000 a copy of which is attached.

On July 18, 2000 applicants filed the executed declaration and power of attorney for this application, along with an authorization to charge the required surcharge of \$130.00 to the Deposit Account of Pennie & Edmonds LLP. A copy of the executed declaration, transmittal letter, and date-stamped return postcard acknowledging receipt are attached for the convenience of the Office.

As the Submission of Executed Declaration filed on July 18, 2000 is believed to be a complete response and fulfills all of the requirements set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts, it is believed that no further action is needed at this time.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission.
Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees
to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

8/25/00
Date

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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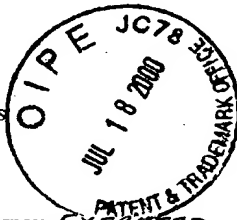
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SUBMISSION OF EXECUTED DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On April 27, 2000, applicants filed the subject application with an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney. We are now submitting herewith, attached to a copy of the application as filed, a Declaration and Power of Attorney which has been executed by the applicants, Ralf ZINC, Marina ELLI, Roberto RENIERO and Lorenzo MORELLI.

A fee of \$130.00 is believed to be due for the submission of this Submission. Please charge all required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Also, please assign customer number 20582 to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

7/18/00

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allan A. Fanucci".

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